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In re Application of:)

Shila JALALI *et al.*)

Application No.: 09/724,909)

Group Art Unit: 1743

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Examiner: John S. STARSIAK

For: MICROSTRUCTURE APPARATUS AND)
METHOD FOR SEPARATING DIFFERENTLY)
CHARGED MOLECULES USING AN)
APPLIED ELECTRIC FIELD)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. To Applicants' knowledge this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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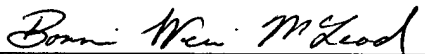
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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62-247247	Oct. 28, 1987	JAPAN (Abstract incl.)				X
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